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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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<i>Application Number</i>	<b>10/670,421</b>
<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>September 26, 2003</b>
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<i>Art Unit</i>	<b>3681</b>
<i>Examiner Name</i>	<b>David Le</b>
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	<b>056203.49699C1</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
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  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1190 enclosed
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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	James F. McKeown	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	<b>25,406</b>
Signature		Date	September 20, 2004

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004.

**A Request for Continued Examination** has been submitted concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the foregoing amendment be entered, and that further prosecution of this application be conducted based thereon.

**A Petition for Extension of Time** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**An appendix** including a replacement abstract on a separate sheet is attached following page 12.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by    months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.: 05-1323.